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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of Texas

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United States of America v. David RAMIREZ))))))))	1-1726-MAT
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		CRIMIN	AL COMPLAINT		
I, the co	mplainant in this cas	e, state that the fo	ollowing is true to the best of n	ny knowledge and belie:	f.
On or about the		April 22, 2014		El Paso	in the
Western	District of	Texas	, the defendant(s) violated:		
Code	Section		Offense Descrip	otion	
Title 21 U.S.C § (a)	841 (a)(1) and 952	distribute app Schedule 1 co territory of the	d, knowingly and intentionally proximately 15.60 kilograms (grontrolled substance: and unlave United States from any place 15.60 kilograms (gross weighostance.	ross weight) of marijuan vfully imported into the c outside thereof (i.e. Me	a, a customs exico),
This crin	minal complaint is ba	ased on these facts	S:		
v Cont	inued on the attached	l sheet.	Jere	Complainam's signature my Bluto - Special Ager Printed name and title	ıt
	me and signed in m	y presence.	Myn	Judge's signature	
City and state:	EIF	aso, Texas	Miguel A.	Torres - U.S. Magistrate Printed name and title	Judge

AFFIDAVIT

On April 22, 2014, David RAMIREZ attempted to enter the United States at the Paso Del Norte, Port of Entry, El Paso, Texas. RAMIREZ was the driver and sole occupant of a 1999 Dodge Durango bearing Chihuahua Mexico registration.

United States Customs and Border Protection Officers (CBPOs) and United States Border Patrol Agents (USBPAs) were conducting pre-primary roving operations. A Narcotic Human Detector Dog (NHDD) alerted to the undercarriage of the Dodge Durango driven by RAMIREZ.

A USBPA took a customs declaration from RAMIREZ. RAMIREZ gave the following non-verbatim declaration: He was on his way to work with his uncle doing construction in the North East. The vehicle belonged to his girlfriend; however, he had no registration paperwork. His girlfriend had owned the vehicle for about one year and he had been using it for about one month. He was the only person who drove the vehicle and he was responsible for the vehicle and everything in it.

A CBPO took a second customs declaration from RAMIREZ. RAMIREZ gave the following non-verbatim customs declaration: He stated he lived in Juarez with his girlfriend and was coming from their house. He stated the vehicle belonged to his girlfriend but he had been using it for about two weeks. He was the only person who drives the car right now and he was responsible for the vehicle and everything in it.

During further inspection, 29 bundles containing a green, leafy substance were recovered. One bundle was probed to remove a sample. The sample field-tested positive for the properties of marijuana. The total approximate weight was 15.60 kilograms.

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Special Agents (SAs) arrived and began an investigation. RAMIREZ read his Miranda rights out loud in the Spanish language as witnessed by SAs Jeremy Bluto and Marco Reta. RAMIREZ signed the rights form indicating he understood his rights and agreed to speak to SAs without an attorney present. RAMIREZ gave the following non verbatim statement:

RAMIREZ stated he was going to be paid \$800 for smuggling the marijuana. He stated his girlfriend arranged the smuggling venture and that several of her friends were involved in the drug trade. RAMIREZ stated he was told someone would be waiting once he crossed the Port of Entry. The person would flag him down as they would recognize the vehicle he was driving. RAMIREZ said after being flagged down, the unknown person would get in the vehicle with him, take him to work and drop him off, take the vehicle to be unloaded, and return to pick up him after work. RAMIREZ stated this was his first time smuggling. RAMIREZ declined to make a written statement.

This affidavit is prepared for the sole purpose of establishing probable cause and does not contain all of the facts known to me about this case.